the product was advertised by the Company over T.V. and other media;

(b) how many scooters have been allotted to the applicants so far;

(c) whether as per the advertisement of M|s. Lohia Machines, Kanpur over T.V. three hundred scooters are being produced every day; if so, how many scooters are being allotted to the applicants every day; and

(d) whether it is a fact that due to excessive advertisements given by the said company, the issue price of their scooter has increased considerably, if so, how much money has been spent by the Company for advertisement through various media so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Out of about 23 lakhs applications initially registered with the Company, over 44 thousand scooters were delivered upto 30.11.1985.

(c) The Company has attained a production level of about 300 scooters per working day. A minimum of 95 per cent of production is delivered to the waitlisted applicants leaving a maximum of 5 per cent for discretionary allotments by the company.

(d) No, Sir.

Production of bathing soaps

2667. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of bathing soaps in the country during the last three years;

(b) the corresponding prices of bathing soaps during the last three years; and

(c) whether there have been any rise in their prices during the same period if so, what steps Government have taken to bring down their prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The total production of bathing soaps in the organised sector during the last 3 years is as follows:

Year	Production (in Lakh Tonnes)
1982	1.85
1983	2.18
1984	2.26

(b) The average price index of bathing soaps during the last 3 years is as follows:

Year	(Base 1970-71=100) Average price index
1982	230.3
1983	255.9
1984	310.4

(c) The increase in the prices of soaps is primarily due to increase in the prices of soapery oils used for the manufacture of soaps. Government have authorised imports of Split Palm Stearine Fatty Acid and Palm Fatty Acid Distillate to increase the availability of soapery oils in the country. Government have also taken steps to increase the production and availability of nonedible minor oils such as Rice Bran etc., to encourage maximum availability of indigenous substitute for imported soapery oil.

Excess billing and disconnection of telephones

2668. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 888 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received against excess telephone bills during the last two years;